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The MAILING DATE of this communication appe	ars on the cover sheet with the c	orrespondence add	ress				
THE REPLY FILED 31 December 2001 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.							
PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]							
a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.							
b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if							
timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).							
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.							
2.⊠ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:							
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);							
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);							
(c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or							
(d) 🗵 they present additional claims without canceli	ng a corresponding number of fi	inally rejected claim	s.				
NOTE: There was no express instruction for the Office to cancel claims 10, 11, 18, and 19.							
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection	on(s): See Continuation Sheet.						
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) <u>59-62</u> would canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	be allowable if submitted in a se	parate, timely filed	amendment				
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for application in condition for allowance because: See		dered but does NO	T place the				
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered bec raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	ause it is not directed SOLELY t	o issues which were	e newly				
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment explanation of how the new or amended claims we	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		and an				
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:	NX (I)	MΛ					
Claim(s) allowed: 1-8,15,16,21-38,42-47,49-52 and 5	<u>14-58.</u>	V V					
Claim(s) objected to: 10,11,18 and 19.	ANORIA IOMA	dra Spyrou Patent Examiner					
Claim(s) rejected: 20, 39-41, 48, and 53.	Technology	Center 2800					
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:							
8. \square The proposed drawing correction filed on is	a) approved or b) disapp	roved by the Exami	ner.				
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s)							
10. Other:							

Continuation of 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 25, 28, 33, and 54 under 102(b) as anticipated by Delavaux, et al, as well as the rejection of claims 26, 27, 34, and 35 under § 103(a) as being obvious over Delavaux, et al in view of Ishikawa, et al.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the examiner sees no distinction between the "pre-" and "post-" amplifiers of Delavaux, et al and the "front stage" and "rear stage" amplifiers recited in claim 53 and 48. Claims 48 and 53 anticipated by Ishikawa, et al, who clearly teach (Fig. 39) how to connect the compensating unit in a repeater. The "transmitter" of Matsuda, et al (Electron. Lett.) "corresponds to" one end of the DSF by way of the AOM so as to anticipate claims 20, and 39 - 41.